

## The Orangeville Sustainability Action Team

The team serves as an advisory body to Orangeville Council. The team's mandate is to develop ideas and projects for approval by the Town. The projects are to address the need to sustain our community as a wonderful place to work and live. The focus is on: energy usage, transportation, urban forestry, and water and wastewater.

### The Urban Forest Sub-Committee

The Baby Tree Program is a project that has been developed by the Urban Forest Committee, a sub-committee of the Orangeville Sustainability Action Team.

The focus is the sustainability of Orangeville through the planting of trees.

Trees help reduce our carbon footprint, provide a lush environment for other species, provide shade to cool people and earth, reduce erosion and flooding, and provide a great place for people to relax or interact.

#### Did you know?

One large tree provides oxygen equivalent to that required by up to four people.

--Tree Canada



# Baby Tree Program

An initiative of the  
Orangeville Sustainability  
Action Team (OSAT)

Greening  
Orangeville  
One Baby  
At a Time



Photo/Karen Hunt



GiGi Photography

# Celebrate a Birth Donate a Tree

Celebrate a Birth with a Tree. At your birth, someone close to you recognized the need to protect your environment and took the first step by making a donation to your forest. You and the tree will grow together, both making your own contribution to the environment.

## **Project Overview:**

To create a "forest" each year, honouring the children born in Orangeville during the year. (i.e. Forest 2008, Forest 2009). The "forest" would be located in public spaces -- in parks and municipal areas -- owned by the Town. We envision the forest to be a designed landscape with native plants and grasses. We would like to make the area a destination, a place to stop and visit.

## **Planting Ceremony:**

Each spring, starting in 2009, the Town of Orangeville will hold a planting ceremony. The trees that have been purchased through donations to the Baby Tree Program (made over the previous year) will be planted at a specified location.

## **Planting Volunteers/Community Involvement**

It is anticipated that many donors, parents and babies would like to participate in the tree planting. A planting workshop will be held prior to the planting to demonstrate the proper way to plant, care, and maintain trees. Professional staff and advisors will be available to assist.

### **Baby Tree Program**

519-941-0440 Ext. 246

planning@orangeville.ca

www.orangeville.ca / town hall / council / committees / sustainability action team

## **Financial Details:**

As part of the celebration of the birth of a child, friends and family may wish to donate funds to the Baby Tree Program. The funds are administered by the Town of Orangeville to create the "forest" for that year. To make the forest truly sustainable, 10 percent of donations will be placed in reserves to maintain and service the forest for years to come.

## **Tax Receipts, Certificates of Recognition & Pins for the Babies**

Each contributor will be given an income tax receipt. (Minimum donations of \$10 please.)

A card will be sent to the babies, indicating that donations were made on their behalf. At the end of the year, a letter will be sent to the babies showing total contributions, along with a certificate. Baby pins will be presented for donations made in a baby's name which total \$50 or more.

\$50-\$100: bronze pin

\$101-\$200: silver pin

\$201 and up: gold pin

A plaque will be erected in the forest listing all the babies who are recognized as part of the program.

## **YES, I want to support the Baby Tree Program**

*Please print*

### **Contributor's Name:**

Address:

Town/Province:

Postal Code:

Contact Phone #:

Email Address:

### **Baby's Name:**

Address:

Town/Province:

Postal Code

Family Email Address:

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make cheques payable to the Town of Orangeville.

Mail or drop off completed contribution form(s) and payment, either cash or cheque, to:

Town of Orangeville,  
Planning Department  
87 Broadway  
Orangeville, Ontario  
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